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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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 1. On 27 March 1952, [] a train at the Gera railroad station which carried 4 heavy AT guns, 6 caterpillar tractors [] 25X1
 25X1 [] troops and equipment. The train had [] and the destination was undetermined. (1)
 25X1 2. Troop trains [] of the Halle Regional Railroad Headquarters between 10 and 25 April included:

Date	Number of Cars	Loading Station	Dispatched to Railroad District
10 April	33 130	Reinsdorf Dessau	Magdeburg Magdeburg
11 April	62 34 35 39	Reinsdorf Dessau Littenberg Halle	Magdeburg Magdeburg Berlin Magdeburg
12 April	111 75 74 70	Reinsdorf Zerbst Dessau Barzen	Magdeburg Magdeburg Berlin Cottbus
13 April	111 109	Zerbst Reinsdorf	Magdeburg Magdeburg
15 April	179 44 35 37 20 20	Reinsdorf Grimma Zerbst Littenberg Sueckmarksdorf Sueckmarksdorf	Magdeburg Cottbus Magdeburg Berlin Dresden 25X1 Halle []
16 April	97	Reinsdorf	Dresden

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Date	Number of Cars	Loading Station	Dispatched to Railroad District
16 April	123 95	Rittenberg Rueckmarksdorf	Berlin Cottbus
17 April	54 50 46 103 36, including 31 flatcars with tanks	Rueckmarksdorf Eilenburg Leinsdorf Rittenberg Borna	Cottbus Cottbus Magdeburg Berlin Cottbus
18 April	66 56 16 99 66 107	Wittenberg Grimma Rueckmarksdorf Taucha Borna Merseburg	Berlin Cottbus Cottbus Dresden Dresden Erfurt
19 April	24 51	Rittenberg Rueckmarksdorf	Berlin Magdeburg
	34 37 26 36	Markranstaedt Taucha Jurzen Grimma	Erfurt Magdeburg Cottbus Cottbus
20 April	100 23 81 36	Altenburg Niederitzsch Jurzen Rueckmarksdorf	Magdeburg Magdeburg Cottbus Erfurt
	130	Merseburg	Erfurt
21 April	20 107	Merseburg Altenburg	Erfurt Magdeburg
24 April	100 26	Altenburg Merseburg	Magdeburg Erfurt
25 April	22	Grimma	Dresden - (?)

3. After 26 April, trains set apart for military traffic in the Halle Regional Railroad District were derequisitioned and the flatcars released to civilian traffic. The delivery of flatcars to the railroad districts of Erfurt and Schwerin continued. Troops were continuously loaded in Erfurt and Schwerin as well as in the Magdeburg district.

4. Troop trains [redacted] the Cottbus railroad district between 14 and 13 April included:

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Date	Composition of Train Trains	From	To
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25X1 14 April 5 boxcars and 24 flatcars with tanks. [redacted] Cottbus Weisswasser

[redacted]
trucks,
sedans
[redacted]

100 to 150 soldiers

25X1 14 April 15 boxcars and 14 SS-type flatcars with ammunition, billeting equipment, 12 tanks. [redacted] Cottbus Weisswasser

[redacted] and about 100 soldiers

25X1 16 April 9 boxcars and 25 flatcars with sideracks with 13 trucks. [redacted] an undeter- Weisswasser

[redacted] 5 armored recon-
naissance cars, at least
40 motorcycles, field
kitchens and soldiers

dmined station
via Cottbus

13 April 35 cars with troops, numerous trucks, artillery pieces and mortars Weisswasser via Cottbus to an undetermined destination

10 boxcars and 16 flatcars with sideracks with troops, trucks, including some with trailers, 2 of the trailers probably mounting search-lights, and materiel

Cottbus

Weisswasser

(3)

25X1 5. [redacted] the 7th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district, at 9 p.m. on 13 April, a train of 9 boxcars with troops and 2 flatcars with tanks went from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose. [redacted] was the dispatcher and consignee. (4)

25X1 6. [redacted] a train of 14 flatcars with about 45 guns arrived in Frankfurt/Oder on 21 April, coming from Brest Litovsk and proceeding to Strausberg. [redacted] and a train of 33 flatcars carrying 120 guns arrived in Frankfurt/Oder on 22 April, coming from Brest Litovsk and proceeding to Fuerstenwalde, [redacted] (5) 25X1

7. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel aboard leave trains were observed in Frankfurt/Oder between 13 and 22 April:

Date	To Brest Litovsk	From Brest Litovsk
18 April	270 and 260	260 and 260
19 April	260 and 250	250 and 260
20 April	239 and 270	270 and 250
21 April	250 and 260	260 and 250
22 April	260 and 270	260 and 270

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3. The following troop trains were loaded at the military ramp of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station between 12 and 18 April:

12 April. Fifteen SS-type flatcars, each carrying a T-34 tank.

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1 SS-type flatcar, carrying armored reconnaissance car No 25, 4 SS-type flatcars, each carrying two motor vehicles, 1 flatcar with sideracks with gasoline drums and 3 boxcars with billeting equipment. [redacted] the materiel came from the Buelow Kaserne. The shipment was consigned to [redacted] Lieberose. (4)

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13 April. Two flatcars with sideracks, carrying field kitchens; 9 boxcars with billeting equipment; 15 SS-type flatcars, carrying tanks, 20 SS-type flatcars with military goods, 6 boxcars and 2 flatcars with sideracks with military goods, mainly billeting equipment. The shipment was consigned to [redacted] Lieberose.

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14 April. A tank shuttle train, consisting of 20 SS-type flatcars carrying tanks and consigned to [redacted] Lieberose.

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15 April. Three tank shuttle trains of 20 SS-type flatcars each, carrying tanks and consigned to [redacted] Lieberose.

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16 April. Twenty-five boxcars and 24 flatcars, carrying wooden building sections and billeting equipment, and consigned to [redacted] Lieberose.

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17 April. Ten flatcars with sideracks, carrying wooden building sections and 2 cars of the same type carrying trucks [redacted] consigned to [redacted] Lieberose. (6)

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18 April. Four flatcars, carrying 1 x 85-mm AA gun each, 12 flatcars carrying 11 trucks [redacted] and 5 boxcars with troops and ammunition, sent from [redacted] Frankfurt to [redacted] Cottbus. (7)

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Comments.

(1) [redacted] this train went to Ohrdruf. See

(2) The tabulation furnishes credible confirmation of previous observations on troop movements. Specifically the following movements were identified:

During the period from 10 to 17 April, The 7th Gds Tank Div from the Dessau-Leinsdorf area and Zerbst to Letzling Heath in the Magdeburg regional railroad district.

During the period from 11 to 19 April, The 6th Gds Tank Div from Wittenberg to Werder-Harkendorf in the Berlin regional railroad district.

On 11 April, A unit, probably a tank unit of the 21st Gds Pecz Div, from Halle to Letzling Heath in the Magdeburg regional railroad district.

During the period from 12 to 25 April, Probably units of the 8th Gds Pecz Div from the Grimma-Jurzen-Borna-Kueckmarksdorf-Taucha-Eilenburg area to Koenigsbrueck in the Cottbus and Dresden regional railroad districts.

On 15 April, An unidentified unit from Rueckmarksdorf to the Halle regional railroad district.

On 19 April, Possibly a tank unit of the 8th Gds Pecz Div from Taucha to Letzling Heath in the Magdeburg regional railroad district.

During the period from 18 to 24 April, The AT artillery brigade of the XXII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Herseburg to the Kindel troop training grounds in the Erfurt regional railroad district. See

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On 19 April, possibly elements of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the LVI Gds Ktz Rifle Corps, stationed in the barracks installation in Leinzig-Schoenau, from Rueckmarksdorf to the Altengrabow troop training grounds in the Magdeburg regional railroad district.

During the period from 19 to 20 April, elements of the unidentified Rocket Launcher regiment of the LVI Gds Ktz Rifle Corps from Rueckmarksdorf and Larkranstaedt to the Erfurt regional railroad district.

During the period from 20 to 24 April, Artillery components of the Eighth Gds Army stationed in Altenburg from Altenburg to Altengrabow in the Magdeburg regional railroad district.

On 20 April, an unidentified unit from Leipzig-Wiederitzsch to the Magdeburg regional railroad district.

(3) All units on these trains which could be identified [redacted] 25X1 belonged to the 9th Kecz Div.

(4) [redacted] the 25th Gds Kecz Regt of the 7th Gds Kecz Div in Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] that this regiment [redacted] moved from its post to Lieberose. [redacted] 25X1

(5) [redacted] supply depots in Strausberg and [redacted] 25X1 in the area of Fuerstenwalde respectively. [redacted] that 315 x 76.2-mm AT guns from the U.S.S.R. arrived in the area of Fuerstenwalde on 23 and 24 April. [redacted] 25X1

(6) [redacted] confirms the 57th Gds Tank Regt or the 7th Gds Kecz Div in Frankfurt/Oder until 17 April 1952. [redacted] stationed in Frankfurt/Oder also observed units of this regiment moving to [redacted] 25X1 Lieberose during the aforementioned period.

(7) [redacted] confirms the Hq 32d (?) AAA Div in Frankfurt/Oder until 15 April. [redacted] unknown, but most probably belongs to an air force unit. On 17 April, a unit of the 32d (?) AAA Div was loaded in Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded southward. On 19 April, a unit of this division was seen being unloaded in Cottbus. See [redacted]. It is undetermined whether this shipment is similar to the shipments of AAA units to the area of the Brand-Briesen and Berneuchen airfields. It is noted, however, that all air force units stationed at the three airfields are equipped with new twin jet bombers.

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